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1. [redacted] 25X1 who formerly owned and operated commercial enterprises in China recently have received letters from their 25X1 former Chinese employees who are now residing in China. These letters have requested that any foreign exchange remittances owed to the firms be settled; however, the letters suggest that if the exchange is not available, certain strategic commodities equivalent in value be shipped. According to the letters, this action is essential to permit the firms to remain in business.

2. It is believed that these letters have followed the Chinese Communist Government's so-called "five-anti's" campaign, in which alleged capitalists have been persecuted, jailed, and forced to confess their misdeeds. At the end of this campaign, while 25X1 former employees of [redacted] firms were under detention, letters were prepared for the signatures of these persons. The letters, containing the requests described previously, were sent to various overseas points in an effort to elicit replies.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] who received a letter similar to those described in the 25X1
25X1 report, [redacted] was advised [redacted] not to respond, since 25X1
25X1 [redacted] response might be interpreted by the Communists to indicate that a subsequent 25X1
blackmail attempt might be successful. [redacted] there was a general belief that a reply might be used by the Communists either to confirm or to repudiate the statements of former employees now under detention, thereby making their plight all the more difficult.

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